

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NORTH DAKOTA  
EASTERN DIVISION

CATHOLIC BENEFITS ASSOCIATION,  
DIOCESE OF FARGO, and CATHOLIC  
CHARITIES NORTH DAKOTA,

Plaintiffs,  
v.

SYLVIA M. BURWELL, Secretary of the  
United States Department of Health and  
Human Services; UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES; JENNY R. YANG,  
Chair of the United States Equal  
Employment Opportunity Commission;  
and UNITED STATES EQUAL  
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY  
COMMISSION,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:16-cv-00432

WITHDRAWAL OF COUNSEL  
FOR DEFENDANTS

With the appearance of counsel from the United States Department of Justice,  
Civil Division, Federal Programs Branch (see Docs. 7, 8, 9) on behalf of all defendants  
(collectively the “United States”), the undersigned Assistant United States Attorney  
James Patrick Thomas respectfully requests to withdraw as counsel for the United States  
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